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BONN PASS WIESBADEN FOR CINCUSAFE.

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J. M. Ross 5/6/82
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MET WITH WALI, PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NAZIR JUSTICE (ACTING NAZIR INTERIOR), MAY 23 ON ROAD PROJECT. EMPHASIZED UNINTERUPTED INTEREST USG AGENCIES INVOLVED AND FACT THAT DESPITE UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS PERSEVERENCE CONTINUED ALL LEVELS. SAID NOW HAPPY TO INFORM CONGRESS AGREED TO RELEASE OF FUNDS AND WE READY PROCEED WITH COOPERATION OF TRIPOLITANIA ADMINISTRATION.

REACTION SPONTANEOUS, OVERWHELMINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC.

MENTIONED TIME FACTOR AND NECESSITY APPROVAL AND HELP FROM PROVINCE ON (1) FINAL ON-SITE SURVEY; (2) PROVIDING RIGHT OF WAY. WALI PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION. ASKED HOW SOON DETAILS COULD BE DISCUSSED. MEETING THEN SCHEDULED FOR 10000 HIS OFFICE MAY 25 WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, TECHNICIANS, US CORPS ENGINEERS, USAF, EMBASSY.

SUGGEST NO PUBLICITY UNTIL WE COULD PUT OUT WELL-ROUNDED STORY TO INCLUDE FACTS ABOUT ROAD CONSTRUCTION, APPROXIMATE LOCATION ET CETERA. WALI AGREED.

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COMMENT: INITIAL MEETING GAVE EVERY INDICATION PROVINCE WILL DO UTMOST BE HELPFUL. AM A LITTLE AFRAID, HOWEVER, OF TOO MANY PROVINCIAL FINGERS IN PIE, BUT HOPE MAY 25 MEETING WILL BE USEFUL CLARIFY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NECESSARY TECHNICAL, ENGINEERING STEPS.

PROVINCE MAY WELL TRY GRAB ALL POSSIBLE PUBLIC CREDIT, BUT EMBASSY/USIS/USAF WILL ATTEMPT ENSURE PROPER PUBLICITY BALANCE AT RIGHT TIME.

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